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The inventor(s) of the subject patent application are as follows: Frank Eidam

Enclosed are:

22 Pages of the specification, abstract and claims.

8 Sheets of drawings.

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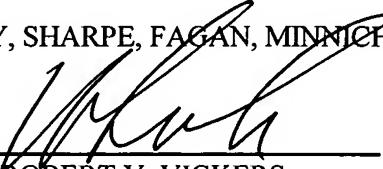
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